

## Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (word count 231)

*Post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles for people to consider a rewarding volunteer experience.*

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### **Become a volunteer to prepare tax returns in your community for 2014**

Looking for a way to help in your community? The IRS is currently looking for volunteers to provide free tax help for the upcoming filing season. Working in either the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or Tax Counseling for the Elderly program can be rewarding while serving a vital role in your local community.

The VITA and TCE programs generally offer free tax help to people with low-to-moderate income who need help preparing their own tax returns. This includes people with disabilities, senior citizens and many sites are able to assist those for whom English is a second language.

Last year, nearly 92,000 volunteers at thousands of sites nationwide helped more than 3.3 million taxpayers.

Volunteering can be exciting, educational and enjoyable. Here are a few good reasons to consider signing up to help:

- No previous experience required
- IRS provides free online tax law training
- Flexible volunteer hours
- Various volunteer duty options
- Time commitment is minimal

To become a volunteer, go to <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-Tax-Volunteers>, then complete and submit [Form 14310 VITA/TCE Volunteer Sign Up](#), making sure to include all of your contact information along with the city and state where you want to volunteer. A local IRS representative will direct you to the nearest organizations offering free tax help. Become a volunteer and see what a difference it can make in your life and the lives of others.

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**NOTE TO EDITOR:** Below are links to helpful information to help you promote our volunteer efforts:

**YouTube Video - [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - Recruitment](#)** - Find out how you can help families with low to moderate income file their tax returns.

#### **On Twitter? Send this Tweet to your customers:**

#IRS Seeking #Volunteers to Help Low-Income Families with Free Income #Tax Return Preparation #VITA #taxes <http://go.usa.gov/jxKP>

#### **On IRS.gov**

[Free tax return preparation for you by volunteers](#)

[Six Good Reasons Why You Should Become a Tax Volunteer](#)

**TUMBLR - [IRS in search of volunteer](#)** - share information on becoming a tax volunteer.